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SHIP MEASURE HIT BY HUGHES IN MAINE DRIVE

G. O. P. Chief Launches New Offensive as Campaign in North Closes.

(By WILLIAM HOSMER, International News Service.)
Rockland, Me., Sept. 9.—Charles E. Hughes tonight closed the State campaign in Maine with a slashing attack upon the administration's shipping bill.

He launched this new offensive at Brunswick this morning with a charge that the measure was "a direct menace to the shipping interests of the country." As a measure to meet a temporary exigency, he said, it was almost ridiculous, and that it held out nothing but disaster for the ship-building industry of the United States.

The assault gathered force as the Republican candidate moved later today to Bath, a "fine old home of the shipbuilding interests of the country." It culminated tonight at an old-fashioned political demonstration which cheered Hughes' utterances for more than three minutes.

The campaign ends with the result in grave doubt. On his final day Hughes acceded to the demands of the party managers and mentioned by name President Wilson in his address. He continued to strike out on the Adamson eight-hour bill issue, which has set the politicians worrying, but did not play the preparedness card.

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MAINE CAMPAIGN ENDS; BOTH SIDES CONFIDENT

Democratic and Republican Leaders Predict Victory.

(By the International News Service.)
Augusta, Me., Sept. 9.—The center of political interest Monday will be in Maine, for the people of this State elect two United States Senators on national issues and a governor whose campaign has been a mixture of national and State questions.

It will be, as usual, the first test of the drift of public opinion in the country. Attorney General Patterson, chairman of the Democratic State committee, claims the State by 3,000 plurality for the Democratic candidate, while Chairman Hamm, of the Republican State committee, claims the State by 15,000 plurality. Mr. Patterson believes the Democrats will poll 71,000 votes. The Republican chairman says the Republicans will poll 76,000.

Certainly it has been the greatest campaign in Maine since the days of James G. Blaine.

The increase of Democratic strength in the State may be clearly judged, for the Republicans are making such an effort to carry a Republican Governor.

The Republicans are really working to roll up a big plurality for its effect upon the nation.

The Democrats are striving to hold down the plurality for the same reason.

In the meantime the Democratic campaign has gone so well that the more enthusiastic of the Democrats sincerely believe they have a hope of success.

However this may be, the election will be significant in any event.

If the Republicans do not carry it by more than 8,000, it will really be a Democratic victory.

If the Democrats should carry it, it would be an indication of a mid significant defeat for the Republican party.

WILSONS HAVE NARROW ESCAPE FROM MAD DOG

Animal Develops Rabies After President Pats Him.

President Wilson and Mrs. Wilson have just had what was feared might have proven a fatal accident in the shape of an attack by a mad dog, it was learned here yesterday.

George Lawrence, a Washingtonian, took a thoroughbred collie to see his house for the President and Mrs. Wilson to inspect with a view to obtaining the animal. The President and Mrs. Wilson both patted the dog, keeping it in their vicinity for several minutes.

Yesterday the creature developed an aggravated case of rabies and several persons had narrow escapes from attack by the hydrophobia-crazed dog before it was disposed of.

Mr. Lawrence, who is a minister, is suffering from shock as a result of the incident.

He said yesterday he intends to do all he can to support President Wilson, feeling that he owes him some reparation for unknowingly placing him in danger.

SAYS ANTI-PLAGUE LAW CAUSED DEATH OF BABY

(By the International News Service.)
Washington, Pa., Sept. 9.—Mrs. J. W. Sharp, of Canton, Ohio, today charged the health authorities at Pittsburgh, with responsibility for the death of her baby. The woman declared that she was held up with her five children near four hours in the Pittsburgh Union Station, because she had no certificate to permit her passage through the infantile quarantine.

During this time, Mrs. Sharp charges, she was unable to get food for her children and finally her infant son was taken ill. He died later in the Allegheny Hospital, his death being ascribed to malnutrition.

Germans Reach Roumanian Front.
Petrograd, Sept. 9.—Three German divisions arrived on the Roumanian frontier from Verdun on Tuesday, says a dispatch from the front today. It adds that the Germans have equipped the Bulgarians with an enormous number of heavy guns for use against Roumanian fortresses.

Germans Score Wilson; Cheer Long for Hughes

(By International News Service.)

Bloomington, Ill., Sept. 9.—In a stormy two-hour session here this afternoon the Illinois branch of the National German-American Alliance went on record as opposing the re-election of President Wilson.

An effort was made to pass a resolution indorsing Charles Evans Hughes, the Republican nominee.

The resolution was not adopted, but after Emil Prill, of Chicago, had concluded an address praising Hughes, the delegates rose to their feet and cheered for three minutes.

MILK PRICE RISE THREATENS CITY

Dealers Claim Profits Impossible Under Conditions.

Maryland and Virginia milk producers held a meeting in the Raleigh Hotel yesterday to consider a raise in price of that commodity in the wholesale market. While no definite action was taken, it is conceded by a majority of the leading milk dealers of Washington that housewives may expect to pay an additional price in the near future.

One of the salient features of the prospective raise by the producers is its effect upon the sale of milk by the glass in lunch rooms and restaurants. This question will depend upon the amount added by the producers to the already high price demanded by the local dealers, who are dependent upon Maryland and Virginia farmers for supplies, and who in turn deliver to this district.

According to A. S. Trundle, general manager of the White Cross Milk Company, and who has been prominent in the Washington trade for more than twenty years, it is doubtful if the wholesale price contemplated by the producers, can be made low enough to evade a rise in this connection. While he did not anticipate a great advance in this line, he said that he felt certain Washington business men would be compelled to pay more for their noonday lunch milk than at present.

In speaking further of the prospects for a higher price in milk, Mr. Trundle said that even now, many of the smaller firms were selling the product at complete loss. He said that there were at present many

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BATHERS LEAVE SURF TO CHEER FOR WILSON

President's Party Welcomed Along Route to Shadow Lawn.

(By the International News Service.)
Shadow Lawn, Long Branch, N. J., Sept. 9.—President Wilson and Mrs. Wilson are now established at Shadow Lawn, which will be the Executive headquarters of the nation and the mecca of pilgrim Democrats for the next two months. The journey from Atlantic City was made by automobile at an average speed of forty miles an hour, and ended at 1 o'clock this afternoon.

From Spring Lake to Long Branch thousands of bathers left the surf to shout and wave a greeting of welcome to the President's party.

Turning the afternoon President Wilson motor over to Spring Lake to see his daughter, Mrs. Addie, who has been ill with typhoid fever. Tonight he attended the opening presentation of Irving Cobb's new play, "J. W. Blake."

Through Secretary Tumulty announcement was made that the President had decided to devote as much of the period between now and election time to rest as the demands of the campaign will permit.

The first speaking day is September 11 in St. Louis. Another speech at Baltimore on September 24, before the National Grain Dealers' Association, will conclude the present program.

The President is known to have received advice that the Democratic campaign is progressing in a manner most satisfactory to the national committee. The attacks being made by Candidate Hughes on the Adamson eight-hour law is expected to work more harm than good for the Republican party.

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War in Final Stage, Says Bulgar Premier

(By International News Service.)

Berlin (via Sayville wireless), Sept. 9.—"The war has now entered the final stage, which will bring decisive victory to the German allies," said Premier Radoslawoff, of Bulgaria, in an interview given to the Sofia correspondent of the Cologne Gazette.

BRITISH THREAT BLOCKED ATTACK ON BLACKLIST

High Authority States England Planned to Cancel Munition Orders.

New York, Sept. 10.—The American this morning prints the following: Washington—The New York American's correspondent is informed by high Democratic authority that a British threat to countermand all orders for munitions from this country led to the elimination of the Phelan and Chamberlain amendments from the revenue bill.

Those amendments were intended as an effective retaliation against British blacklisting of American firms and the British hold-up of American mails on neutral steamers.

All the war munitions contracts have been permitted cancellation under certain conditions. Mr. Wilson did not want "war prosperity" in the United States disturbed by a blow at the munition trade just before election. He yielded to the threat, and the most effective measures for retaliation were discarded.

The back-down of the administration at the last moment is all the more remarkable because the Phelan amendment had been submitted to the State Department before it was adopted by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Senator Chamberlain declared that his amendment had also been approved by the President and every member of the Cabinet.

While no amendments were expected to pass without opposition, Congress was suddenly stricken out upon orders from the White House without explanation.

It is understood that Ambassador Sprague received the warning that if the amendments were passed, England would cancel war munition contracts now amounting to more than \$5,000,000 a day.

A similar threat by England is said to have caused the sudden reversal by President Wilson of his own, and party's solemn promises respecting free tolls for American coastwise ships in the Panama Canal.

England in that case was setting up a double-headed sword of Europe, protesting against any favor to American ships in the canal built exclusively with American money, it is said.

Hearing of this move by England, President Wilson is said to have demanded the immediate repeal of the Panama Canal tolls act passed by the previous Congress.

Callahan, who is said to represent a number of Boston bookmakers offered to bet \$500 on even money on Hughes. William E. Callahan, a Boston drummer, placed \$500 to \$450 that Candidate Hughes would defeat President Wilson.

The wager followed a political argument which occurred in the gallery of the House the night before Congress adjourned.

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The parties met at the double-header yesterday and an argument ensued when Callahan offered a certified check on a Boston bank to meet the money of Cleton, which it is said came largely in small sums from employees of the Government Printing Office. The bet was finally placed in the hands of a Capitol Hill hotel keeper with the understanding that Callahan will produce cash within the next three days when his certified check will be returned.

MOTORCYCLIST HURT IN AUTO COLLISION

Thomas O. Midgett, 40 years old, living at 1538 Ninth street northwest, was probably fatally injured last night when he was struck by an automobile belonging to the New York Oyster House. Midgett was taken to the Emergency Hospital where Dr. McManis said his skull was probably fractured.

Midgett was coming out of a driveway near Eleventh street and Rhode Island avenue on his motorcycle and did not see a motor truck approaching in the opposite direction. Before he could stop the two vehicles collided, throwing Midgett against the handlebars of his machine. John Suraci, of 435 R street northwest, driver of the motor truck, is being held at the Second precinct station pending investigation.

SENATOR'S SECRETARY, G. T. MUNDY, DIES

George T. Mundy, secretary to Senator Swanson, of Virginia, and clerk of the Senate Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds, died suddenly at his apartment, 1104 Vermont avenue northwest, yesterday.

He was a native of Richmond, Va., and came to Washington in the service of Senator Swanson about five years ago. Recently he was taken ill and went to the Georgetown Hospital. Upon his removal yesterday, he expired suddenly. A complication of diseases was given as the cause.

Mr. Mundy was about 34 years old and unmarried. A brother arrived from Richmond last night and arranged for sending the body to the home of relatives, where the funeral will be held.

Blast Sinks Greek Ship.
Malta, Sept. 9.—The Greek ship Glorios was sunk in the harbor today by an explosion following the outbreak of fire in her cargo of benzine.

Telegraph Tips

Chicago, Sept. 9.—William Christianson, a local aviator, was seriously injured this morning when his machine dropped 300 feet while he was flying over West Chicago. Christianson, suffered a fractured skull, a broken arm, and serious internal injuries.

Buffalo, N. Y., Sept. 9.—Fire, causing \$100,000 loss, damaged three business places and tied up heavy east side traffic for hours early today. A basket factory, wholesale leather houses, and a lithograph plant were damaged. The fire followed a series of gasoline explosions.

Berlin, Sept. 9.—Dr. Walter Zerkow, former assistant director of the astronomical observatory at Santiago, Chile, has been killed in action, it was announced today.

Rome, Sept. 9.—T. N. Page, the American ambassador, left for the front today as the guest of Lieut. Gen. Count Luigi Cadorna, the Italian chief of staff.

New York, Sept. 9.—Spanish senators are warning to the movies and turning a cold shoulder on the activities of Theodore and the well-known bull, according to last advice from that country brought here today by James Hawes, an Englishman.

McPherson, Kans., Sept. 9.—A man driving a big touring car called on the city for help here. The car was filled with members of his large family. The driver was without gasoline and without money to provide for his family. He was ill and the family was on the way to Denver, where they intended to sell the car.

London, Sept. 9.—King George signed today a proclamation requiring subjects to make returns in regard to property owned by them in countries at war with Great Britain and also of claims made by them against subjects of governments of hostile countries.

Williamson, W. Va., Sept. 9.—Charged with a murder alleged to have been committed forty-four years ago, Andrew Wise, who has resided at Nolan, near here, for a number of years, is under arrest here. The crime for which Wise stands accused was committed at Asheville, N. C., in 1872. Wise is now sixty-six years old.

Nashville, Ind., Sept. 9.—John Swears, living near Elkinsville, Brown county, is a patron of a rural route and has a mail box at his front gate. A few weeks ago he deposited a letter in the box, but the carrier failed to find it. He went to the post office and mailed a letter and again it was missing. Again he deposited a letter, and this time he kept watch. To his amazement he saw a bluebird light on the mail box. He went inside, came out with the letter in his bill and it was gone.

Vincennes, Ind., Sept. 9.—Mabel Pierce, of Indianapolis, when visiting her grandfather, James Harper, was drowned near Sandborn. The child was playing with a small dog on a boat when the animal playfully pushed her over into White river.

San Juan del Sur, Nicaragua, Sept. 9.—A train on which Dr. Julius Ira, nominee of the liberal party for the presidency, was traveling, was fired on by troops today. Two persons were killed and seven wounded. The troops alleged that they were obeying orders issued by the government, who has been removed from office.

Hastings, Iowa, Sept. 9.—Last year forty acres of wheat on the farm of Charles Brown and B. J. Lookabill, near here, were so wet that the grain could not be cut and last spring there was such a good crop of volunteer wheat on the field that it was decided to let it stand. They have just finished harvesting and threshing the forty acres of volunteer wheat and secured 400 bushels of wheat of fine quality.

Greenwood Springs, Miss., Sept. 9.—T. B. and E. B. Burnett, twin boys, 10 years old, died of malaria here yesterday within an hour of each other. They will be buried in one coffin.

Charleston, W. Va., Sept. 9.—Fred O. Blue, State tax commissioner, in a statement made public here, says that in the two years since the State prohibition law has been in effect there has been a reduction of 50 per cent in crime and 10 per cent in drunkenness in West Virginia.

Riga, N. D., Sept. 9.—George Eastman, head of the Eastman Kodak Company, Rochester, N. Y., underwent an operation in his private car here for abscess, and today his surgeon, Dr. E. W. Milligan, announced his condition improved.

Dublin, Sept. 9.—Potato blight has made its appearance in Ireland. This year spraying materials are more costly than usual and are easily obtained, and this, together with wet weather in July, is believed to have caused the rapid spread of the disease.

South Bethlehem, Pa., Sept. 9.—Seven men were badly burned in an accidental explosion at the Redington fume plant of the Bethlehem Steel Company. One of them, Harvey Morrow, and Walter McCormick, both of Easton, were hurried to St. Luke's Hospital here.

Beverly, Mass., Sept. 9.—Summer soldiers expected to raise \$5,000 to aid victims of infantile paralysis. At the head-dress ball given under the direction of Mrs. John Hays Hammond more than \$3,750 was raised and subscriptions are being taken to increase this.

Buenos Ayres, Sept. 9.—The government has submitted to Congress a bill for the establishment of a government press bureau in the Argentine Republic.

Chicago, Sept. 9.—A few days ago jewelry valued at \$700 disappeared from a dresser in the room of Mrs. C. A. Courtland Smith, South Irving avenue. When the police could find no clue Mrs. Smith's daughter, Leonore, 14 years old, told her mother that she dreamed she had hidden the jewelry on a shelf in one of the closets. A search was made and the jewelry was found.

New York, Sept. 9.—Carrying a six-inch rapid-fire gun for defense, the Cedric, of the White Star Line, has arrived here. This, it was said, is the largest caliber gun aboard any merchantman of the entire allies that has ever come to this port.

New York, Sept. 9.—Wolf Heinrich Frederick Kuhl, 28 years old, has changed his name to Henry Frederick Henly, with the permission of Justice Fitch in the Supreme Court. "I am not of German origin or in sympathy with German culture," said his petition, "and I wish an American name which won't arouse feelings of anger and shame in me whenever I hear it pronounced."

Teutons Blow Up Forts As Russ Gain Hold on Halicz

(By the International News Service.)

London, Sept. 9.—The Austro-German forces defending Halicz, the fortified city sixty miles south of Lemberg, have blown up the remaining fortifications of the town, and some of them have been occupied by the Russians, according to a Reuter dispatch from Petrograd late tonight.

The fall of Halicz is a matter of hours. The dispatch adds that the great bridge across the Dniester has been blown up and that the Russians hold the left bank of the river, heavily shelling the retreating Teutons.

Two troop trains were wrecked by the Russian fire.

ALLIES INVADE SERBIA; MENACE ORIENT RAILWAY

Russo-Roumanian Army Captures Negotin—Aims to Isolate Central Powers.

(By the International News Service.)
London, Sept. 9.—A Russo-Roumanian army has begun an invasion of Serbia, taking the identical course the Teutons took in their whirlwind campaign through the little kingdom, the new invaders have penetrated as far as Negotin, seven miles inside the Serbian border, occupying the town, according to an Athens dispatch to the Daily News.

Thus the first blow in the long heralded allied campaign for the isolation of the central empires from Bulgaria and Turkey by cutting the Berlin-Constantinople-Bagdad Railway has begun.

Indeed, the Athens dispatch adds that the Russo-Roumanian troops are advancing toward the Orient Railway. To reach it they have to cover sixty more miles.

Through this new Serbian invasion the Teutonic and Bulgarian armies in Macedonia are placed between two formidable threats: A Franco-British-Serbian thrust from Saloniki and an attack from the Russian invasion of Serbia from the east.

An added menace lies in the possible thwarting of the Bulgaro-Teuton campaign in Roumania which would result in a simultaneous Russian drive for Constantinople and, second, a Russo-Roumanian invasion of Serbia from the east.

Meanwhile the Bulgaro-Teuton drive in Roumania is being pushed at top speed. Easternmost column, advancing northward along the Black Sea littoral, fifty miles beyond the Roumanian frontier.

This invading army, however, already has met in a violent clash with the Russian forces that came to Roumania's aid.

LETTERS GIVE CLUES IN DILWORTH MURDER

Documents Belonging to Lawyer May Solve Death Mystery

(By the International News Service.)
New York, Sept. 9.—A package of letters and other documents belonging to Dwight P. Dilworth, the lawyer, who was shot to death last Sunday night while on a motor trip in Van Cortlandt Park with Miss Mary V. McNiff, a client, were examined today by coroner Flynn, of the Bronx. Detective Capt. Wines and District Attorney Martin.

After the papers had been copied, the officials started an investigation which included the examination of persons named in the letters.

Capt. Wines, who sent several men to addresses obtained from the documents, said the information was of such a nature that it could not be revealed at present.

"We are working on every angle of the case and are investigating more than one story which has come to us," Capt. Wines said.

Mrs. Dilworth is expected here tomorrow from Kansas City. She is coming to aid the coroner and police to solve the mystery and apprehend the murderers.

ALLIES MAP OUT PLANS FOR HAMMERING ENEMY

(By the International News Service.)

London, Sept. 9.—Steps are being taken by England and France for a more effective employment of their military resources. This was announced today by the government press bureau in the following official statement:

"A series of conferences were held this week in Paris, with British and French war ministers and munition ministers participating. Views were exchanged regarding the conclusion to be drawn from recent military operations, and measures were discussed for the most effective employment of the joint military resources of France and England."

PROBE BREAD PRICE RISE.

Federal Authorities Inquire Into Legality of 6-Cent Loaf.

Chicago, Sept. 9.—Federal investigation of the National Association of Master Bakers' plan to make the price of small loaves of bread six cents instead of five was started here today.

Charles F. Klyne, United States District Attorney, said the plan for one baker in a community to advance the price and then have the others follow would constitute a violation of the anti-trust law.

DOBIC RETAKEN BY ALLIES AFTER ALL-DAY BATTLE

Russo-Roumanian Forces Recapture City in Mighty Effort.

(By the International News Service.)
London, Sept. 9.—Russo-Roumanian forces have retaken the Bulgarian town of Dobric, the city and fortress of Dobric (Bazardjik), fifty miles southeast of Bucharest after a twenty-four hour battle beginning immediately after its fall yesterday.

This first important success scored by the Roumanians and their Moscow allies since Roumania's entrance into the war was announced by the Bucharest war office tonight as follows:

"Russian and Roumanian troops drove the Bulgarians from Bazardjik (Dobric) and Dobascl."

In the northern Transylvanian Alps the Russo-Roumanian forces captured six towns, including Toplita, fourteen miles from Sibiu, and others being San Miguel, Delina, Clujtur, and Semmang.

They repulsed a counter attack south of Medelha, fifteen miles north of Orsova.

The Roumanian report of Constantza was again bombarded by German and Bulgarian aeroplanes, according to the Roumanian war office statement.

ROBINS FLAYS WILSON POLICY ON SUFFRAGE

Former Progressive Leader Aroused Enthusiasm of Suffragists.

(By the International News Service.)
Atlantic City, N. J., Sept. 9.—"I want no more easy promises or councils for an easy patience. I'm going forward to the limit to get suffrage for the women of America, and I'm going to waste no time about it."

Raymond Robins, of Chicago, brought wild cheers from the delegates to the convention of the National American Woman Suffrage Association this evening when he attacked the Wilson policy for its easy promises.

"The world prefers a real test of life to an academic interpretation of it," Mr. Robins declared. "We need the women of this country in our politics. We need their vote now."

Herbert Parsons, of New York, tonight confessed that he had come to tender his party's support to the "flaming woman of America." He urged the women to stand back of several strictly Republican plans.

The emergency convention today re-elected Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, New York, first vice president; Mr. William McNab Miller, Missouri, second vice president; Mrs. Stanley McCormick Chicago, third vice president; Miss Esther Oden, Elizabeth, N. J., recording secretary; Mrs. Thomas Jefferson Smith, Kentucky, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Frank Shuler, Buffalo, treasurer; Mrs. Henry Wade Rogers, New York, first auditor; Miss Heloise Mayer, Mass.; second auditor; Mrs. Patty R. Jacobs, Alabama. Seven hundred and twenty-five delegates were qualified to vote, but the highest vote cast was 250.

BOMBS REACH IRISH SHORES.

London, Sept. 9.—A number of bombs and other explosive materials have been washed ashore on the coast of Kerry, Ireland, and are now in possession of the military authorities. They are supposed to have some connection with the Sinn Fein uprising and the attempt of Roger Casement to land arms and ammunition in Ireland for the rebels.

Germany Preparing to Quit West, Rome Avers

(By International News Service.)

London, Sept. 9.—Germany is preparing to evacuate France and Belgium, according to the following dispatch transmitted by the Rome Wireless Press Service:

"Berlin newspapers are discussing the possibility of shortening the German front, which shows the gravity of their situation."

"It is believed this is intended to prepare the German public for the evacuation of France and Belgium."

BRITISH SEIZE GINCHY, KEY TO RAILWAY CENTER

Sir Douglas Haig's Troops Now Bombarding Combes from Three Sides.

(By the International News Service.)
London, Sept. 9.—The village of Ginchy, the last remaining fortified place separating the British from the important German railway center, Combes, today fell to the troops of Sir Douglas Haig.

Combes is now under fire from three sides, by the British from the northwest and west, and by the French from the southwest. Its fall is now believed to be a matter of a few days.

Winding up a week of incessant hammering of the German lines, in the initial phase of which, last Sunday, part of Ginchy and the whole of Guillemont were taken by storm, the British today attacked a front of 6,000 yards, between High Wood and Leuze Wood.

As a result, they completed the capture of Ginchy and took all of the ground between the village and Leuze wood.

Furthermore, they pushed their lines forward 300 yards on a front of 200 yards, east of High Wood.

Simultaneously, successfully crushing in the northern tip of the salient formed by the German drive, the British gained an additional 900 yards to the northeast of Pozieres.

The headquarters statement issued tonight tells of heavy casualties suffered by Germans, particularly while attacking near Pozieres, the British being caught by the British artillery fire.

The French forces on the Somme content themselves with minor actions.

TWO SURFACE LINES JOIN GOTHAM STRIKE

Second and Third Avenue Employees Quit—Conditions Serious.

(By the International News Service.)
New York, Sept. 9.—An immediate strike of the Second and Third Avenue surface car lines was called at 10:30 o'clock tonight.

The vote of the Second Avenue men was unanimous.

Immediately after the Second Avenue vote was taken the strike leaders marched to Lyceum Hall, where the Third Avenue employees were in session. A strike vote followed at once.

An attempt made by Oscar S. Straus, chairman of the Public Service Commission, to prevent the men of the two lines from striking met with failure.

Plans for one of the greatest industrial strikes New York City has yet encountered are understood to be on foot. The first move in this direction was a hurried call to this city tonight by Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor.

He came to hold a conference Sunday with officials of the Central Federated Union. The local union officials, who had been expected to meet with Gompers to enter the strike in order to prevent the disruption of the newly organized carmen's union. A one-day